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BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ADDRESS ROUTINE SPRING AGENDA ITEMS:
ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS, TENURE, PRESIDENTIAL EVALUATION

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees will act on recommendations regarding the award of tenure, elect new officers among themselves for the next year and consider approval of a board calendar for 1999 during their next regular meeting Monday, April 27.

The board meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on the Eastern campus.

Tenure recommendations are confidential and no names will be released until the board acts on them. The election of board officers will take place in open meeting and be conducted by board counsel. The proposed board calendar will schedule meetings in January, April, July and October of 1999.

In other business, the board's Presidential Evaluation Committee will present its annual report on presidential performance. The board will also

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make one minor change and present, on first reading, a proposed change to the board regulations. The minor change involves language regarding qualifications for the Family Leave Medical Act. This change corrects a typographical error which inadvertently changed the intent of the act.

The other proposed change involves allowing faculty and administrative employees the opportunity to continue to accrue retirement service credit for unused and unpaid sick leave. The revision removes the 300-day cap placed on the amount of sick leave faculty and administrative employees may accrue, providing them the same benefit as currently exists for Civil Service employees.

At the meeting, trustees will review the proposed FY 1999 Priorities Statement for the University. The document, which is submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education each July 1, sets forth Eastern's priorities for the next academic year.

"The priorities address the need to continue support for Eastern's high academic quality and attract an equally excellent student body," said President David Jorns. "We stress accountability in this priorities statement as well, through our goal of funding an outcomes assessment program and our commitment to continually revising our inventory of programs to meet changing demand."

The priorities statement also addresses diversity, salary equity, and

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capital maintenance, equipment and technology needs.

In other business, trustees will consider approval of new FY 1999 room and board rates. The proposed rates for next year would raise the cost of academic year contracts between \$74 and \$100, depending on the meal plan chosen. Meal ticket-only options would increase between \$54 and \$80 per year. Rates for Eastern's University Court would rise between \$62 and \$84 per year, depending on the type of accommodations. Rates for Eastern's University Apartments would rise slightly, between \$4 and \$6 per month.

"Room and board rates are essentially user fees and increases are directly tied to the increase in cost for Eastern to provide student housing and meal plans," said Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs. "We expect the cost of food to continue to increase and also will be spending more than \$1.5 million next year on housing repairs and renovations."

Other financial items are on the board's agenda, including the routine FY 1999 approval of the budget for repair and maintenance of the University House, the official residence of Eastern's president.

The agenda also includes a presentation from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Terry Weidner on the FY 1998 Academic Program Review process and a review by Vice President for Business Affairs Morgan R. Olsen of the university's FY 1999 Capital Projects Plan. This information item is presented annually to the board, identifying potential capital projects of \$100,000 or more which, if funded and approved, will commence during the next fiscal year.